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Rapid River News!

Waawaaskone-Giizis (Flower Moon)
May 9, 2011 Volume 6 Issue 18

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

(Note: New items are shown at the top of each category with the headline in red.)

(Tribal Government-Department items)

• **Election Results!** The following are final results from the LRBOI General Election with the winners in **Bold** type.

- In the race for Ogema:
 - **Larry “Little Thunder” Romanelli** 474
 - Janine M. Sam 158
- In the Office of Tribal Council – At Large
 - Loretta J. Beccaria 228
 - **Kimberly M. Alexander** 272
 - Cindy Champagne 127
- In the Office of Tribal Council – 9 County
 - Jeff Battice 91
 - **Michael J. Ceplina** 111
 - Gary Paul DiPiazza 101
 - Rita Annette Gale 106
 - **Sandy Mezeske** 201
 - Karen Love 100
 - Joseph Riley Sr. 62
 - **Patricia “Pat” Ruiter** 129
 - Bob J. Whiteloon 101

- In the Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge:
 - **Berni L. Carlson** 263
 - Kimberly Crampton (Kequom) 180
 - Bill Willis 182
- In the Office of the Election Board:
 - **Tammy S. Bowen** 442
 - **Tracy Frees** 417

- **Membership Meeting Vote!** Please see the website www.lrboi.com, under the Tribal Court heading for information regarding the recent Tribal Membership Meeting Vote.

(Cultural related items)

- **POW WOW:** Annually, SEEDS works with The *Grand Traverse Band* to host a Pow Wow to honor high school graduates. This will take place on Friday, May 13 in Suttons Bay. This year we would like to invite students from Manistee to attend. The SEEDS program in Manistee would like to help arrange transportation for interested teachers and students. Please contact Santana if you would like your students to participate in this educational opportunity.

Santana Aker is the contact person for our tribe should anybody want to participate in the SEEDS Pow Wow. He may be contacted through his office or via e-mail.

Santana Aker

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Education Youth Assistant

Office: (231) 398-6654

Email: Saker@lrboi.com

- **Bakakwenh Naboo** is a new “good for you” forum that first appeared in the May *Currents* (page 27). Cultural questions/advice and some fun will be coming through Bakakwenh Naboo (Chicken Soup). Be sure and catch it either online at www.lrboi.com ; through your copy in the mail or by picking an issue up at one of the government buildings.
 - **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:
 - The following Warriors are your elected Post leaders:



- TreasurerRobert Memberto
- Sergeant at Arms.....Ferdinand Luchene
- Chaplin.....Patrick Wilson
- They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com
- Next meeting is June 4th, at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

• **The Kwewok Circle:** The circle continues to meet for dinner and conversation on the last Thursday of the month at the resort at 5:30 p.m. The circle has announced that they are also looking for contact information on the past Little River Princesses. If you were a princess or know someone who was a princess and have their contact information, please call Deb Davis at 231.398.6724. Also call Deb if you would like an application for the 2011-2012 competition that will take place at the Little River Jiingtamok.

Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon 2011 Gatherings 11 am to 3 pm

ST. Thomas Hall, 3252 Apple Ave {M-46 } Muskegon, Michigan

POTLUCK = Dish to pass

Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865 or Debra Gutowski

231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

- Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering
- Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper
- Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering

Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize
and share the day and make memories.....

(General area items)

- **Fourth Annual Niibin (summer) Youth Day Camp.** The fourth annual camp dates have been announced! When: Monday July 11, 2011-Friday July 22, 2011 (no weekends) from 8 a.m.- 4p.m. Where: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pow-Wow grounds. The event is open to Tribal children and descendants age 8-14. At the camp, campers will learn activities and eating habits to support a healthy lifestyle plus they'll have daily field trips and many crafts. Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.
There is no cost for this camp which is provided by Special Diabetes Program Initiatives but you must pre-register your child. All permission slips and paperwork must be completed prior to the first day of camp. Space is limited. To sign up and receive the registration packet contact a Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629 or Holly Davis 231-398-6610.

- **YOUTH CAMP AND CULTURE PROGRAM**

Parents or service providers interested in a FREE four-day program for “at-risk” youth can contact the Peacemaking/Probation Department. Any youth who is currently “at-risk” for getting into trouble, or has *ever* been, at any time in the past, involved with the courts, or has had what can be considered “negative” police contact, is eligible for participation in this program. Funding comes entirely from the Department of Justice’s, Office of Juvenile Justice, Tribal Youth Program Grant. A limited number of youth can attend, and it will be first come first served, pending a completed and approved application to participate.

This program will introduce the youth to the outdoors, by presenting nature education, and wilderness survival skills, from a Native American cultural perspective. The talking circle, the teaching circle and various group teamwork challenges are a major component of this program. Participants will sleep in old-styled bent-sapling lodges. They will learn how to make a fire and cook their own food. All equipment is provided.

For more information: Patrick D. Wilson, 231-398-2239 pwilson@lrboi.com or Austen Brauker, 231-398-2240 abrauker@lrboi.com

- **Sturgeon!** A hook-and-line sturgeon harvest will take place during the month of June on Black Lake in Otsego County. A total of one sturgeon may be harvested by the LRBOI. The Natural Resources Department would like to coordinate a day with the LRBOI community for the harvest where all interested members may participate with hook-and-line gear. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact: Peggy Vriesman at 231-398-2181 or by e-mail at pvriesman@lrboi.com or Marty Holtgren at mholtgren@lrboi.com.
- **Tight Lines for Troops.** The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats’ 2nd Annual “Tight Lines for Troops” Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person “Teams.”
- **HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP** has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.
 - **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing **Wii** activities and following exercise DVD’s. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.

Domres Road Update! Construction will begin the week of May 16th. The road will remain open during construction (traffic will be flagged thru), so the detour will not be needed and traffic in and out of the site will not be delayed.

2011 Black Bear Permit Application

The Natural Resource Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Black Bear permits for the 2011 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to:
LRBOI—Natural Resources Dept. 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 or call Natural Resources Department.

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a black bear permit.

Need not be present to be selected

Application due by 5 pm
May 31, 2011

Questions or Comments
please call:
866-723-1594

Drawing will be June 4, 2011 at the new
Community Center at Aki

2011 Black Bear Permit Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone : _____ Tribal ID # _____ Elder: _____

2011 Elk Permit Application

Application due by 5 pm
May 31, 2011

Questions or Comments please call:
866-723-1594

Drawing will be June 4, 2011 at the new
Community Center at Aki

The Natural Resource Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2011 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to: LRBOI—Natural Resources Dept. 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 or call Natural Resources Department.

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for
a Elk permit.

Need not be present to be selected

2011 Elk Permit Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone : _____ Tribal ID # _____ Elder: _____

• LRCR Board openings: Board Chair Jim Wabindato has announced that in accordance with Article VII of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act, the Board is required to notify the Ogema and Tribal Council when a vacancy will be created by an expiration of a term of office. This was done in late March and said that, ‘The following Board seats will expire upon the conclusion of the Current Ogema’s term of office.’ Included are Seat #1, currently held by Virgil Johnson; Seat #2 which is vacant at this time and Seat #3, currently held by Board Chair, Jim Wabindato.

Seats 4 and 5, respectively filled by Elaine Porter and Rose Ludden, expire two years from the date of commencement of the next Ogema’s term of office. Section 14.02 of the Ordinance allows for a hold-over period of 60 days, which will commence upon the swearing in of the next Ogema. This will be determined by the Tribal Elections on April 29th.

If you are interested in applying for a board seat, please send your resume and a letter of interest to the Ogema re: Casino Board of Directors.

- Casino Board of Directors meetings have been set. They are:
 - o JULY 1
 - o AUGUST 26
 - o SEPTEMBER 23
 - o OCTOBER WILL PROBABLY BE THE 14TH TO COINCIDE WITH FALL MEMBERSHIP

• Natural Resource Department:
2011 Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution

Annually you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. The distribution will take place at Manistee and Muskegon on different dates. You will be called when the fish are available. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Department: 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number, indicate if you are an Elder and where you would like to pick up fish at Manistee or Muskegon to: bharnish@lrboi.com
3. Fill out the form below and mail to: LRBOI Natural Resource Dept.
Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street
Manistee. Michigan 49660

2011 Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution Form

Name:_____Elder: Yes___No___ Tribal ID_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Indicate where you would like to pick up fish in Manistee:___or Muskegon:___

- MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROJECT:
CRIMINAL DEFENSE AT LRBOI TRIBAL COURT

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and the Tribal Court are pleased to announce that MILS will begin offering assistance to criminal defendants in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Starting now, MILS attorneys will be available to represent indigent defendants facing criminal charges as part of a year-long pilot project. The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.

The purpose of the pilot project is two fold. First, MILS hopes to provide high quality representation by assisting clients through the system, providing necessary balance in an adversarial system. Second, through the experience of the pilot project, MILS hopes to be able to make an informed decision as to whether we should maintain the project at LRBOI, expand into other tribal courts, or end the program as part of the commitment to serving the native communities within Michigan. MILS will conduct an on going program evaluation with the help of clients and LRBOI Court staff.

Those Tribal Members facing criminal charges in the Tribal Court, will be notified of this project, and given MILS contact information at the first court hearing.

- Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events In Diabetes Wellness

Opening of Mnagaanewin (being healthy physically) Center...our new fitness center!

Walking Challenge to begin June 2011

Community Garden at Aki

Seminar to learn more about harvesting, seed saving, canning and preserving your harvest in August 2011

For more information or to ask a question call Holly Davis Diabetes Coordinator 231-398-6610

- Elders Survey Time! Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.

- Casino Board of Directors meetings have been set. They are:

- o May 13th

- Muskegon Project. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, Muskegon Jobs Now, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

- Trading Post logowear! We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

- Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission 2 openings

Health Commission 2 openings

LRCR Board 1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(Tribal Health Clinic)

- Wii Bowling for Elders. The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding Wii bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.



If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

DM - Divorce with children

EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change

TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support

DO - Divorce w/o children

EM - Emancipation of Minor

GA - Gaming Appeal

GR - Employment Matter

LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment

GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint

NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, May 9, 2011; Judge Bailey

•10:00 a.m. LRBOI v. Corey - 10034TM Probation Violation

Monday, May 16, 2011; Judge Bailey

•11:00 a.m. Rent v. Davis - 11048GC Pretrial

Monday, May 23, 2011; Judge Bailey

•1:15 p.m. Memberto v. Memberto - 10048DM Motion Hearing

Monday, May 30, 2011

•NO COURT - OFFICES CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings.

"Think only about what is holy. Empty your mind."

-- Archie Fire Lame Deer, LAKOTA

If we let our minds wander, we will come up with a lot of junk; maybe bad thoughts about a brother or sister, maybe angry thoughts, maybe self-pity thoughts. Our minds are not the boss. We can instruct our mind to think about whatever we want to think about. We cannot stop thinking, but we can choose what to think about. The Elders say we move towards what we think about.

That's why they say, "Think about what is holy, think about the Grandfathers, think about culture, think about values, think about ceremonies, and think about good."

**Great Spirit, today, empty my mind and let me experience
what it would be like to think about what is holy.**

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.